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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner  
of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant for the above-identified application respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a one (1) month extension of time, extending the period for response to May 22, 2001. The filing fee for a one month extension of time, large entity, is \$110.00. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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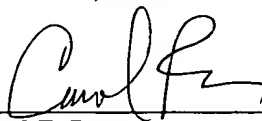
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